



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Above the Great Hall, a skylight installation crew has nearly completed the assembly of the glass panel support system for the south skylight.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/22/06 through 5/26/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor continues installation of the south skylight above the Great Hall. Masons have completed setting sandstone blocks around the north skylight perimeter clearing the way for installation of the north skylight to begin immediately following completion of the south skylight.
- Drywall installation and plaster work is complete on two of the three ceiling vaults above the Great Hall. Painters are now applying the base coat of paint.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels (basement and Crypt levels) of the East Front transition zone. Three of four fire partitions are in place at the Crypt level.
- Masons have resumed setting floor stones in the north half of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling drywall installation is expected to begin this week.
- Crews are placing concrete around the new trees that line the pedestrian walkways that slope down to the CVC entrances.
- All mechanical systems and ductwork are in place in the Orientation Theater ceilings and inspections have been completed. Installation of drywall and acoustic ceiling panels may begin later this week.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- Masons are setting stone on all three levels of the House and Senate stairwell atria.

- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall. A freight elevator--one of 23 elevators in the CVC--is now operational.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Preparatory street restoration work is complete on East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Milling of the existing asphalt on the north side of the street is complete. This week, the DC Department of Transportation is expected to begin work to restore the operation of a traffic light at First Street. The street will be paved immediately following the completion of this work.
- Insulators and electricians continue working throughout the length of the tunnel.



A worker assembles a portion of the ceiling framework above the Exhibition Hall.

Next Week – 5/29/06 – 6/02/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Painters will apply a second coat of paint to the barrel-vaulted ceiling of the Great Hall. Crews may begin to dismantle the scaffold late in the week.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the north half of the Exhibition Hall. Ceiling drywall installation is expected to continue along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the walls of an emergency egress stairwell near the face of the Capitol.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atria.



A worker applies the first coat of paint to a plaster ceiling above the Great Hall.

- Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- A contractor of the DC Department of Transportation will continue efforts to restore the electrical conduit for the traffic signal at First Street. Street paving and striping will be completed once the traffic signal is fully operational.
- A CVC landscape architect consultant is expected to inspect a paving mock-up of a decorative paving pattern to be used around the historic Olmsted-designed lanterns, fountains and seatwalls on the East Front Plaza.

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